

under most difficult circumstances in devastated areas of Gujarat. The IAF brought relief to victims by evacuating casualties to safer places and transporting urgently required relief material to the affected areas. Over 20,000 Army personnel were committed in rescue and relief operations. The Army provided a wide range of heavy engineering equipment to clear the debris and rescue people trapped under the rubble. The Army Medical Corps reinforced these efforts by deploying mobile medical units in addition to providing facilities at various Military Hospitals. The Indian Navy carried approximately 30 tonnes of cooked food and rations, as well as 200 tonnes of ration from the Maharashtra Government for distribution to earthquake victims.

Training courses for Cyber Probes

3652. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to introduce suitable training courses at the Military Intelligence Training School and Depots for countering cyber probes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether some civilian experts are proposed to be associated with the programme as reported in the Indian Express dated 17th January, 2001 and if so, the manner in which the secrecy of critical information would be ensured?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) No, Sir. There is no proposal to introduce courses at Military Intelligence Training School and Depots for countering cyber probes.